

REMARKS

Applicants are herein filing a Preliminary Amendment to cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1, 3, 8, 17, 18 and 20-24. Applicants request the review and allowance of the pending application.

No amendment made herein is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (512) 996-6839.

Respectfully submitted,

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